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## **WISDOM**

Wisdom is the ability to apply knowledge in the real world in a constructive way—to enrich our individual lives and to make the world a better place. Wisdom is often found at the intersection of theory and experience. How does modern expertise benefit all of us, and how can we convince the general population to value it? How does life experience create wisdom? In will this course, we explore the biological, philosophical, social scientific, and experiential aspects of wisdom and analyze what ancient and contemporary sources have to say about it.



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## YOUR INSTRUCTOR: David Smith, PhD



Dr. David E. Smith grew up in the world of fundamentalist religion. As an adult he gradually moved away from that worldview and became a religious progressive/skeptic. After earning an MA in philosophy of religion, he received a second MA and a PhD in religious studies from Temple University. Formerly a philosophy and religious studies faculty member at Central Washington University, he now offers independent seminars and personal consultations in comparative religion and philosophy. He has published widely in these areas, and his mission is to empower people to think well for themselves about things that matter.

## THURSDAYS, JANUARY 23 THROUGH FEBRUARY 27

9am AK | 10am PT | 11am MT | Noon CT | 1pm ET

Each live session is 90 minutes.

- Thursday, January 23
- Thursday, January 30
- Thursday, February 6
- Thursday, February 13
- Thursday, February 20
- Thursday, February 27

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